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SIR:

In response to the non-final Official Action dated October 2, 2008, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.